

## DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

NAVY-MARINE CORPS TRIAL JUDICIARY 1250 10<sup>th</sup> St, SE, Ste 1300 WASHINGTON NAVY YARD DC 20374-5140

IN REPLY REFER TO: 1 March 2015

## PROMULGATING ORDER: UNIFORM RULES OF PRACTICE, NAVY-MARINE CORPS TRIAL JUDICIARY

Subj: Uniform Rules of Practice, NMCTJ

Ref: (a) 2014 Standard Operations Procedure, NMCTJ

Encl: (1) Uniform Rules of Practice, NMCTJ, dated 1 March 2015

- 1. Purpose. To establish uniform rules for courts-martial practice throughout the Navy-Marine Corps Trial Judiciary in accordance with reference (a).
- 2. Applicability. The Uniform Rules of Practice set forth in enclosure (1) and reference (a) shall apply to all circuits within the Navy-Marine Corps Trial Judiciary and to all attorneys, court personnel, lawyers, witnesses, and spectators participating in, or observing, courts-martial proceedings.
- 3. Cancellation. These Uniform Rules are effective as of 01 March 2015, and all previous editions of the Uniform Rules of Practice, NMCTJ, are canceled effective this date. These Uniform Rules are a significant revision of previous Rules and should be read in their entirety. Proposed changes to the Uniform Rules of Practice should be forwarded to the Deputy Chief Trial Judge, NMCTJ, 1250 10<sup>th</sup> Street SE, Suite 1300, Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374.
- 4. Action. The Uniform Rules of Practice, NMCTJ are a guide to circuits of the NMCTJ and participants practicing therein.
  - a. All rules set forth in reference (a) and enclosure (1) shall be followed by judges and other participants, whether military or civilian, practicing or otherwise participating or viewing special or general courts-martial within the Navy-Marine Corps AOR. Local circuit rules may supplement, but not contradict, the Uniform Rules.
  - b. Circuit judges shall ensure that copies of and enclosure (1) are provided to the Commanding Officers of Regional Legal Services Offices and Defense Services Offices, Officers in Charge of Marine Legal Service Support Sections, Marine Regional Defense Counsel, and Regional Victims' Legal Counsel within their circuit for further distribution to all military counsel under their command. Military defense counsel will furnish civilian defense counsel with copies of these rules. Trial counsel will furnish civilian victim's legal counsel with copies of these rules upon notice of appearance.

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